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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 16 October 2002, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 49 and amend claims 21, 40-42, and 48. The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims are provided in Appendix A).

